OUT OF STATE RECRUITMENT

Missouri is involved in a number of exciting activities to recruit families from other states. We have two Resource Contractors with offices in various states including New York and Rhode Island. These contractors train families in these states to serve Missouri's waiting children.

Missouri also uses a national web site to feature waiting children. This has been a very successful recruiting tool that has sought placements in a variety of geographic locations including places as far away as Hawaii and Canada.

All home studies that come to Missouri from other states that are not targeted for specific children go to the Second Level Adoption Matching Team. This team is comprised of statewide adoption staff. Families from other states are matched with children every two months at the Second Level Matching meetings. Missouri has border agreements with Kansas and Illinois to recruit, train, and assess families for adoption.